GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BODO REGIMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have contemplated to raise a separate Bodo Regiment in Indian Army on the pattern of Naga Regiment, aiming at reducing militancy menace in the Bodoland Territory by way of inducting between 5000 and 10,000 Bodo youths in Indian Army;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There is no proposal to raise a separate Bodo Regiment in the Indian Army.

(b) & (c): The present policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment on the basis of a particular class, creed, community, religion or region, but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.